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The Great Famine in China

Statement by the China Famine Relief Committee Co-operating with the American Red Cross

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Three millions of people in Central China are on the verge of starvation. Last summer the worst floods in forty years destroyed the crops in an area of 50,000 square miles. Many have already died of hunger and unless prompt relief is given, multitudes of men, women and children must perish.

During the last few weeks the political and military news from China has absorbed the attention and interest of the world to the exclusion of the needs of the hungry millions. No harvest can be expected until May. Until then the famine will be growing daily more acute. The people to be relieved are chiefly hard-working and honest farmers.

There is a strong Famine Relief Committee in Shanghai composed of both foreigners and Chinese of all faiths. Bishop Graves, of the Episcopal Church, is Chairman; Dr. Wu Ting Fang, former Minister to the United States, Vice-Chairman; Rev. E. C. Lobenstine, of the Presbyterian Church, Secretary, and Mr. H. C. Gulland, Manager International Banking Corporation, Treasurer. This Committee will employ as many as possible of those able to labor in building dikes and in such other work as will help to prevent the recurrence of flood and famine. This work is in line with the recommendations of Mr. C. D. Jameson, an engineer sent to China by the American Red Cross. All labor is to be paid for in grain, and not in money.

As President of the American Red Cross, President Taft has issued a proclamation asking the people of the United States to help the people of China. He has joined with other officers of the Red Cross in requesting this Citizens' Committee to make known the facts. The Chinese Government and people are doing what they can to relieve the situation, but they can meet only a fraction of the need.

This is one of the greatest famines of modern times. Six hundred thousand families are without food or means of support. Fifteen dollars will save a whole family from starvation. Fifteen hundred dollars will save one hundred families. Fifteen thousand dollars will provide for one thousand families. Hundreds of thousands of lives can thus be saved if sufficiently prompt and generous contributions are made.

Remittances should be sent to Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, Treasurer, 1 Madison Avenue, New York. All funds received will be forwarded by cable, without any deduction whatever for expenses, to the Famine Relief Committee in China, through the Department of State at Washington.

In this time of national crisis and reconstruction in China, and in her hour of dire physical distress and suffering, may America prove a friend indeed, because a friend in time of need.

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